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Applicant(s): Hiroshi IZUI et al
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-GLUTAMIC
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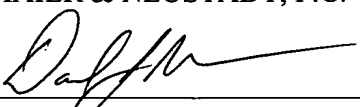
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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 7, line 14, after "agglomerans" insert --(SEQ ID NO:3)--;

line 15, after "coli" insert --(SEQ ID NO:8);

line 20, after "agglomerans" insert --(SEQ ID NO:4)--;

line 21, after "coli" insert --(SEQ ID NO:9);

line 24, after "agglomerans" insert --(SEQ ID NO:10)--;

line 25, after "coli" insert --(SEQ ID NO:11);

line 28, after "agglomerans" insert --(SEQ ID NO:2)--;